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For: HYDROGEN ABSORBING ALLOY ELECTRODE, MANUFACTURING METHOD
THEREOF, AND ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY EQUIPPED WITH THE
HYDROGEN ABSORBING ALLOY ELECTRODE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination,
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously
presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

A' 4. (Amended) The method of producing an alkaline storage battery described in claim
1, wherein the solvent in the solvent- attaching step contains the binder.

5. (Amended) The method of producing an alkaline storage battery described in claim
1, wherein attaching of the solvent in the solvent-attaching step is carried out by spraying.